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DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR DELTA MUSIC MUSEUM'S ANNUAL RECEPTION

BATON ROUGE, LA – Secretary of State Al Ater announces the Delta Music Museum's annual reception on Jan. 5 at Frogmore Plantation in Ferriday, La. This year's event, hosted by Buddy and Lynette Tanner, will include a presentation in the church on the plantation's grounds called "A Journey through the South with Song."

A variety of music and narration, showcasing the stories of the unification of different cultures, will be performed, beginning at 7 p.m. Gospels, blues, ragtime, jazz and rock 'n' roll will be performed by the following participants:

- Willie Minor & Edrena Lyons
- Sylvia Johns Ritchie & Glen McGlothlin
- Bob Sasser & Anna Ferguson
- Lynette Tanner & Judith Bingham will narrate.

The reception is sponsored by the Friends of the Delta Music Museum Foundation and is free to the public. The foundation was formed to encourage participation, host special events and enhance exhibits highlighting the musical influences of the Louisiana-Mississippi Delta region.

The Delta Music Museum opened its doors in 2002. Formerly the U.S. Post Office, the museum sits at 218 Louisiana Ave. in Ferriday, which was previously known as the Ferriday Museum.

The city acquired the property as a purchase/donation from the Ater brothers of Ferriday. Legislation was introduced by Rep. Bryant O. Hammett, Jr. in 2001 to add the museum to the Secretary of State's Museum Program. Under this arrangement, the city owns the facility and contributes to the budget, but it is operated by the state.

The building, constructed in 1939-40, has been remodeled to accommodate the museum's exhibits and includes space for live performances. Many of the building's original features have been restored and help to create a special nostalgic ambience for visitors. The new museum consists of interpretative and interactive exhibits focusing on the history, music and culture of the Louisiana-Mississippi Delta region.

For more information about the Secretary of State or the Delta Music Museum and Hall of Fame, please visit our website at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov>.

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